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SUPPORTS FOR TISSUE ENGINEERING, AND BIOMATERIALS

OBTAINED

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Restriction Requirement mailed September 18, 2001, said period of response being extended from October 18, 2001 to November 18, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.



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Respectfully submitted.

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